8th Febtuaiy A RUMOUR OF THL QUEEN'S DEATH

There is a rumour in London that the Queen is dead and hath been carried to Greenwich, but it is being kept very secret in Court

nth February CLERKE'S [c] TRIAL OF BASTARDY'

William Clerke's *The Trial of Bastardy* is entered, wherein are shown the civil and ecclesiastical laws of matrimony and legitimate issue, together with the statutes in marriage from the 25th year of Henry VIII

I7*A *February* PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Because of the dangers threatened at this time to the Queen's person, these special directions are proposed by the Lord Treasurer Officers are to be appointed in every port that shall not suffer any person to land until examined as to the cause of his coming, and if the cause do not appear clear, he shall be committed to prison, or kept on board until his examinations have been taken and sent to the Council It is especially likely that such persons will land at Dover, Sandwich, Rye, Gravesend, Yarmouth and London Every Irishman in London or about the Court that is neither a known householder, nor a resident m commons, in any house, court or chamber as a servant, nor in service with a householder for five years past, must present himself to one of the Council or to the Lord Mayor to be examined how he lives and why he remains in England

To restrain the great resort of unnecessary persons lodging near or frequenting the Court, the Lord Chamberlain shall appoint an usher and a quarter-waiter, with one or two clerks of the household, to attend and daily view all persons that oiler to come to Court, and the Knight Harbinger and Marshal, with

some tipstaffs, and, if need be, with the aid of some of the Yeomen of the Guard, shall twice or thrice a week discover who are lodged within two miles of Court, and if any are found not allowed they shall be examined, and if they cannot give just cause be committed to prison

iSth February FERRARA DE GAMA'S CONFESSION

Stephen Ferrara de Gama, being examined before the Earl of Essex, Sir Thomas Wilkes, and Mr William Waad,hath declared that ten months since he received two letters from Dr Lopez,